

Guess the body part

A game designed to teach young children about Asian elephants



How to play...

- ✓ Print the images twice, cut up one of the two sets and put them face down
- ✓ Flip one image and ask the children to guess the body part
- ✓ Ask them what they know or think they know about how the elephant uses this body part
- ✓ Have a discussion with the children using the facts (the fact boxes are sized so they can be attached to the back of the images if desired)
- ✓ Match the cut out image to the full page. Continue with the rest of the images.
- ✓ After playing this game, ask the children to draw their own picture of an elephant

Elephants body descriptions...

Eyes

Elephants have beautiful, long lashes to protect their eyes. Sadly their lashes are often cut off to make jewelry.

Trunk Tip

The sensitive end of the trunk has a finger-like quality and is covered in nerve endings. Elephants can use this to grip onto tree roots, grasses and nuts.

Trunk

There are about 150,000 individual muscles in the entire trunk.

The trunk serves as a nose, a hand, an extra foot, a signaling device and a tool for gathering food, siphoning water, dusting, digging and a variety of other functions.

Mouth

Elephants have 6 sets of teeth in their lifetime.

New teeth move from the back of the jaw, push older teeth forward until they reach the front, wear down with use, and eventually drop out.

Elephant teeth are the biggest of any animal.

Foot

Elephants feel ground vibrations through their feet. Many captive elephants develop foot problems from infected cuts and scratches or from standing on hard surfaces and not being able to rest their feet (elephants only sleep for up to 4 hours per night).

Elephants usually have 4 toenails on their front feet and 5 on their back feet.

Legs

Elephants carry more weight on their front legs.

Elephants can walk at about 5km (3 miles) per hour for hours on end but when charging they can reach speeds of up to 40km (25 miles) per hour. Elephants cannot jump. Elephants are excellent swimmers.

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Ears

Elephant ears assist them to regulate their temperature.

They flap them to create a slight breeze which cools the surface blood vessels, reducing body temperature.

Skin

Elephants have very sensitive skin. Whilst it is approx. an inch thick it can be irritated by something as small as an insect bite or tick.

Tusk

Only some male Asian elephants inherit full tusks, but both males & females can have 'tushes' (small rudimentary tusks).

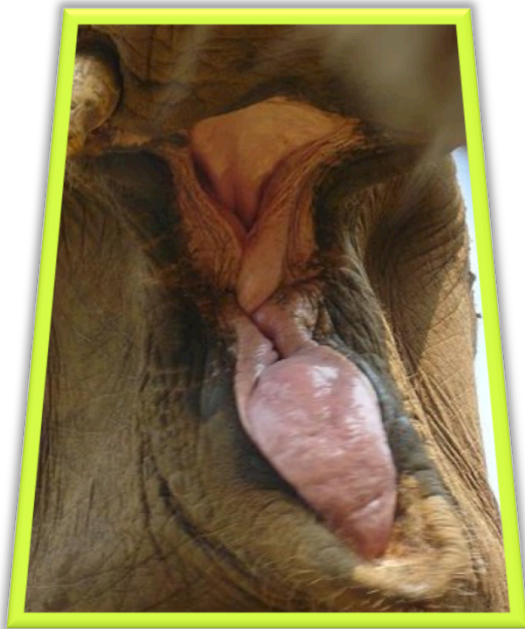
Elephants are normally right or left tusked; the dominant tusk is often shorter and more rounded at the tip from wear.

Tail

Elephants have great control over the movements of their tail. They use their tail to swat away insects.

The elephant has many coarse hairs on their tail. Sadly these are often cut off to make jewelry.

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